CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PATEN AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, FAX NO. (703):308-7722. ON 11 March 2002.

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In re Application of: Peter HUENIKEN et al.

Application No.: 09/639,083

Croup Art Unit: 2839

Eiled: 16 August 2000

Examiner: Prasad, C.

Filed: 16 August 2000)

For: MULTIPLE AXIS CONNECTION SYSTEM)

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated 11 October 2001, the period for replying to which has been extended two-months through 11 March 2002, rejecting the following claims: 1-14.

1. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- [] Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- [x] Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for <u>Extension</u>	[Fee for Small Entity]
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[X] two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
[] three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
[] four months	\$1,390.00	\$695.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$400.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

[x] An extension for <u>one</u> month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$110.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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- 2. Notice of Appeal Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)
 - [] The fee in the amount of \$310.00 to cover the appeal fee is enclosed.
 - [x] The Commissioner is authorized to charge the notice of appeal fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. The amount is \$310.00.
- Fee Total(s):
 - [x] The Notice of Appeal Fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) of \$310.00 and the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 with a Three-Month Extension of Time Fee of \$290.00, totaling \$600.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

4. Constructive Petition

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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